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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER'S STATEMENT TO PRESS ON TALKS
WITH ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT READ TO
PRESS BY FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL AFTER TALKS WITH
ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN THIS AFTERNOON, APRIL 21.

2. BEGIN TEXT: WE HELD TWO DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. ASSISTANT
SECRETARY OF STATE MR HARTMAN, ONE IN THE MORNING AND THE
OTHER IN THE AFTERNOON. WE DWELLED UPON THE PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS
TAKEN UP DURING THE VISIT OF DR. KISSINGER TO OUR COUNTRY
DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH. THE TWO MAIN TOPICS WHICH AROSE
IN OUR DISCUSSIONS WERE THE ARMS EMBARGO IMPOSED BY THE U.S.
AND DEVELOPMENTS IN REGARD TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM.

3. MR. HARTMAN PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING THE RECENT
EFFORTS OF PRESIDENT FORD, DR. KISSINGER AND A NUMBER OF
MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO CHANGE THE DECISION OF THE
AMERICAN CONGRESS. MR. HARTMAN REAFFIRMED PRESIDENT
FORD'S STRONG VIEW THAT THE ARMS EMBARGO DECISION SHOULD BE
REVERSED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT
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TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN THIS DIRECTION.

4. WE FRANKLY EXPLAINED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTRIBUTE TO THE ELIMINATION OF THE NEGATIVE INFLUENCE THIS MISTAKEN DECISION HAS HAD BOTH ON TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND ON OUR NATO OBLIGATIONS. WE SAID THAT THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE MADE MORE URGENT THE IMMEDIATE ELIMINATION OF THE EMBARGO, WHICH HAS CREATED DOUBTS ON THE PART OF THE TURKISH PUBLIC CONCERNING THE CREDIBILITY OF U.S. COMMITMENTS.

5. ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS, WE STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION AND THAT TURKEY IS PURSUING ITS PREVIOUS LINE OF CONDUCT. AS THIS POSITION OF TURKEY IS KNOWN, MR. HARTMAN NEITHER BROUGHT A PLAN ON THIS SUBJECT NOR MADE ANY DEMAND. FUNDAMENTALLY, DEMANDS OF TURKEY BY ANY STATE ON THIS SUBJECT CANNOT BE A MATTER FOR DISCUSSION.

6. MR. HARTMAN STATED THAT THE U.S. REGARDED THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS THAT WILL SOON RESUME AS A POSITIVE STEP, AND HE SAID THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE PLEASED NOT ONLY BY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS BUT ALSO BY ANY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS THAT MAY OCCUR IN TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, HE EXPRESSED AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS THE READINESS OF HIS COUNTRY TO BE HELPFUL TO BOTH PARTIES.

7. WE STATED THAT WE ALWAYS PREFERRED PREACEFUL METHODS, THAT WE REGARDED RESOLVING OUR PROBLEMS WITH GREECE THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AS THE BEST SOLUTION, AND THAT, IF RECIPROCAL ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS PRODUCED A POSITIVE RESULT, THERE WOULD BE NO OBSTACLE TO THE BEGINNING OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS. END TEXT.
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